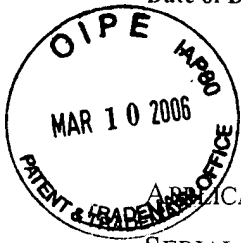


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER


Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (6 pgs.), and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 26859-002. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement dated February 10, 2006.  
Also, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.